1	2	3	4
17.	Tamil Nadu	8.62	6.86
18.	Kamataka	5.87	5.14
19.	Kerala	0.31	3.89
20.	Pondicherry		0.18
21.	Andaman & Nicobar		0.08
22.	Goa, Daman & Diu		0.25
Southern Region-Total		24.75	22.29
Western Region			
23.	Gujarat	7.32	5.38
24.	Maharashtra	6.51	10.26
Western Region-Total		13.83	15.64
Central Region			
25.	Uttar Pradesh	1.65	9.33
26.	Madhya Pradesh	11.25	3.52
Central Region-Total		12.9	12.85
GrandTotal		81.6	79.00

Lockout/Closure ofTea Gardens

500. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tea gardens in the country being under lockout/ closure during the last two years along with details, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that thousands of labourers lost their jobs due to closure and lockouts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many starvation deaths were reported from the settlements of tea garden workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain the causes of the prevailing situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) State-wise details of the tea gardens in the country under lockout/closure and the number of workers affected are as follows:

	Name of Tea Estate	No. of workers affected:
	West Bengal	
1.	RahimabadTea Estate	746
2.	RamjhoraTea Estate	1103
3.	DheklaparaTea Estate	757
4.	Katalguri Tea Estate	1471
5.	PathorjhoraTea Estate	1052
6.	DimaTea Estate	1858
7.	Kalchini Tea Estate	1898
8.	RaimatongTea Estate	1238
9.	SrinathpurTea Estate	220
10.	ChamurchiTea Estate	1046
11.	CarronTea Estate	705
12.	MajnaiTea Estate	956
13.	SepoydhoorahTea Estate	249
14.	SimulbarieTea Estate	672
15.	SayedabadTea Estate	672
16.	SamsingTea Estate	2311
17.	KohinoorTea Estate	Not available
18.	ChongtongTea Estate	-do-
19.	RungnetTea Estate	100
	Assam	
1.	GovindapurTea Estate	465
2.	HatticherraTea Estate	911
3.	SubongTea Estate	1150
	Tripura	
1.	MeghlibundhTea Estate	314
2.	ShimnacherraTea Estate	58
3.	KrishnapurTea Estate	52
	Kerala	
1.	PeermadeTea Estate	1200
2.	LoneTree	

	Name of Tea Estate	No. of workers affected:
3.	Kottamalai	
4.	Bonami	1650
5.	Vagamon	
6.	Thangamalai	
7.	Pasumalai	
8.	Granby	2500
9.	Mount	
10.	Koliekanam	
11.	Pullikaman	400
12.	Assam Brook Tea Plantation in Wayaned District	Not availabje.

(c) and (d) Government does not have any information on starvation deaths of tea workers.

(e) Government has appointed Expert Committees to make an in-depth study of the closed tea gardens in the States of West Bengal, Kerala, Assam and Tripura and suggest a package of measures for their viability and revival. These Committees are expected to submit their reports by March, 2003.

Use of Nimesulide Drug

501. SHRIJANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRIRAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drug Nimesulide has been cleared by Government for prescription to the patients;

(b) whether it is a fact that though Nimesulide is freely prescribed in the country, some medical experts still have some reservations about the safety of this drug, particularly among infants;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Nimesulide is still not licensed for use in certain developed countries like the USA, UK, Australia and New Zealand; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review its use in the country?